

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
18 April, 1973

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CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Dates of Next Meetings: 16 May, 1973
20 June, 1973
2. Approval of Minutes of March, 1973 Meeting.
3. Proposed Changes to D.C. Building Codes for projecting signs in Georgetown.
4. Illegal Signs in Georgetown.
5. National Capital Planning Commission, Downtown Heliport Study.
6. Shops and Storehouses Project, Dalecarlia Reservation - Report.
7. S.J. Res. 45, 93rd Congress: To provide for the erection of a memorial to those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in the Vietnam war.
8. S.J. Res. 66, 93rd Congress: To authorize the erection of a monument to the dead of the First Infantry Division, United States Forces in Vietnam.
9. H.R. 610, 93rd Congress: To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a National Law Enforcement Heroes Memorial within the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

1. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development
Old Georgetown Act
 - a. O.G. 73-120, 3050 K Street, N.W., Inland Steel, Redesign of Proposed Office and Commercial Complex.
 - b. Appendix 1.

Shipstead-Luce Act

- a. 22nd and P Streets, N.W., Gulf Oil - Retention of existing gas station.
- b. Appendix 2.
2. D.C. Government, Department of General Services
 - a. Burrville Elementary School Replacement, Division Avenue and Hayes Street, N.E.
 - b. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (Morgue) - Resubmission.
3. General Services Administration

Howard University Dental School Addition - Preliminary Site and Building Plans.
4. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Potomac River Crossing of Metro - Design.
5. Smithsonian Institution

National Zoo, Monkey House Remodeling - Resubmission.
6. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers
 - a. Barracks for 400 Enlisted Men, Fort Myer, Virginia - Preliminary Design.
 - b. Restoration of Sheridan and Ord-Weitzel Gates at Arlington Cemetery - Feasibility Study and Design.
7. Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Headquarters Building, Anacostia-Bolling Air Force Base - Revised Grading and Site Plan.
8. Department of Interior, National Capital Parks

Seabee Memorial.

INTERVIEWS

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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Potomac River Crossing of Metro.

11:45 Smithsonian Institution, National Zoological Park
Monkey House Remodeling.

12:00 D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development
a. Gulf Oil, 22nd and P Streets, N.W. - Retention of Existing Gas Station.
b. O.G. 73-120, 3050 K Street, N.W., Inland Steel - Proposed Office and Commercial Complex.

12:30 Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers
a. Barracks at Fort Myer.
b. Gates at Arlington Cemetery.

12:45 Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Headquarters Building, Anacostia-Bolling Air Force Base.

1:00 D.C. Government, Department of General Services
a. Burrville Elementary School Replacement.
b. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (Morgue).
General Services Administration
Howard University Dental School Addition.

1:15 Department of Interior, National Capital Parks
Seabee Memorial.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
18 April, 1973

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission of Fine Arts offices at 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Members Present: Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman
 Hon. Nicolas Arroyo
 Hon. Kevin Roche
 Hon. Chloethiel Woodard Smith
 Hon. George Weymouth

Staff Present: Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
 Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant Secretary
 Mr. Jeffrey Carson
 Mr. J.L. Sibley Jennings, Jr.
 Mrs. Nancy Lusher
 Miss Lynda Smith

National Capital Planning
Commission Staff Present: Mr. Edward Hromanik

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Dates for the next meetings were set at May 17th and July 25th, 1973, at 10:00 a.m.

B. Minutes of March, 1973, Meeting were approved.

C. Proposed Changes to the D.C. Building Code were mentioned by the Secretary. The Commission approved a suggestion to send a letter to the District of Columbia Government requesting amendment to the Code permitting projecting signs within the Georgetown Historic Area.

Exhibit A.

D. The Secretary reported to the Commission that a list of signs without proper permits was being transmitted to the District of Columbia Government. Most were illegal signs on M Street in Georgetown. Subsequent lists would cover other streets in line with the Commission and Old Georgetown Board requests that the Staff and the District Government look into more stringent enforcement of existing sign laws. In response to a letter by the Chairman to the Mayor, such lists of signs would be acted upon by the D.C. Construction Division.

E. National Capital Planning Commission Report on Downtown Heliports was shown to the Members by the Assistant Secretary, who indicated that each Member would be sent a copy in the near future. No action was required and the Assistant Secretary told of inclusion of Fine Arts review in all proposed Heliport locations. The two primary possibilities for this type of facility were reported as the Portal Site in

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Southwest and at Union Station. The Chairman commented that the Union Station site had the advantage of becoming part of a multi-system transit terminal.

F. Shops and Storehouses Project, Dalecarlia Reservation. The Secretary reported that the Commission's March disapproval of this project had resulted in a letter from the Army thanking the Commission for its advice, but indicating that the project would be built anyway. A return letter from the Commission indicated that the matter would be taken up with the Office of Management and Budget to align the Army's thinking with the Administration viewpoint.

G. S.J. Res. 45, 93rd Congress: to provide for the erection of a memorial to those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in the Vietnam war. Recommended. Exhibit B.

H. S.J. Res. 66, 93rd Congress: to authorize the erection of a monument to the dead of the First Infantry Division, United States Forces in Vietnam. The Secretary told the Commission that this proposal involved completing the symmetry of the existing monument at 17th and New York Avenue, N.W., and that any specific designs would be sent to the Commission for review. The Commission recommended the legislation. Exhibit C.

I. H.R. 610, 93rd Congress: to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a National Law Enforcement Heroes Memorial within the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. The Commission had no objection to the concept, but suggested that the report include a requirement for National Capital Planning Commission and Commission of Fine Arts approval for the siting and design of the memorial. Exhibit D.

J. The Secretary showed the Commission a proposed seal for the Cost of Living Council. Consisting of the Great Seal design surrounded by circular lettering, it was approved.

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

A. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

Old Georgetown Act

1. O.G. 73-120, 3050 K Street, N.W. - Inland Steel, Commercial and Office Complex, Resubmission. The Assistant Secretary presented models and drawings depicting a scaled-down version of this project previously disapproved by the Commission. In compliance with the Commission's suggestions the overall mass-height had been reduced, side elevations were broken down in scale, and a public tree-lined promenade without commercial interruption bordered the water's edge. The building had been reduced by about one-third, though several elements still reached the ninety-foot limit. The Members were enthusiastic about the changes

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and the resulting improvement to the architecture. Further discussion was held later with the project representatives and the Georgetown Citizens Association.

2. Appendix 1, approved.

Exhibit E.

Shipstead-Luce Act

1. 22nd and P Streets, N.W., Gulf Oil, Retention of Existing Service Station. The Secretary showed the Commission a rendering of the proposed renovation of this gas station. The decision of Gulf Oil to retain rather than replace the station was commended by the Commission, but further action was not taken until a meeting with company representatives.

2. Appendix 2, approved.

Exhibit F.

B. D.C. Government, Department of General Services

1. Burrville Elementary School Replacement, Division Avenue and Hayes Street, N.E. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings of this large open-classroom combined school and community services building to go on the site of an existing school. The brick and precast concrete three-floor structure had a large covered open-air play area which the Commission felt would be excessively unpleasant. They held their comments until a meeting with the architect.

2. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (Morgue), D.C. General Grounds, resubmission. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings showing all front parking eliminated and a new landscape and stoop design. The Commission felt that the new scheme conformed to their previous comments and approved it.

Exhibit G.

C. General Services Administration

Howard University Dental School Addition - Preliminary Site and Building Plans, Resubmission. The Secretary presented drawings for this two-floor addition on top of an existing three story brick building which had been disapproved. Several sketches showed efforts at a differentiated two floor effort with strip windows. The Commission approved this direction with the proviso that they see the further developments. Further discussion was held with the architect later in the meeting.

D. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Potomac River Crossing of Metro - Design. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings and models of this simple concrete piered grey steel box beam structure proposed between the 14th Street Highway and railroad bridges across the Potomac. The Commission felt that the bridge

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design was good, but that efforts to consolidate this bridge with a future replacement of the railroad bridge would be highly desirable. Further action was held until a meeting with project representatives later in the day.

E. Smithsonian Institution

National Zoological Park, Monkey House Remodeling. The Secretary told the Commission that there was no redesign of the exterior cages which had been disapproved at the last meeting. The architect had requested an opportunity to discuss the design with the Members. The Chairman concurred and the matter was dropped until a meeting with the architect later.

F. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

1. Barracks for 400 Enlisted men, Fort Myer, Virginia, Preliminary Design. The Assistant Secretary showed several drawings for this garden-style three-floor suite-style barracks saying that the National Capital Planning Commission had deferred action pending further site study. The Commission felt that the building design was simple and appropriate to the other brick buildings on the post and that the architecture could be approved pending the site and landscaping details. The parking shown in the submission was not approved. No meeting with the project representatives was deemed necessary. Exhibit H.

2. Restoration of the Sheridan and Ord-Weitzel Gates at Arlington Cemetery - Feasibility Study and Design. The Secretary showed a report and drawings to the Members proposing the restoration of two existing gates. One gate would be relocated over a pedestrian route near its original, now obliterated, highway site and the other would be widened slightly at its original site. The Gate columns were originally on the War Department Building on the site of the present Old Executive Office Building at 17th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., making their restoration doubly important. The Commission approved the scheme, with a suggestion that a cut-away corner be restored to symmetry with its opposing corner. Exhibit I.

G. Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Headquarters Building, Anacostia-Bolling Air Force Base, Revised Grading and Site Plan. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings which showed a grass berm around the Headquarters Building approved at the March meeting. The Commission felt that this accommodated their previous comments and approved the scheme. One comment was made in hope that the hard edges represented by the drawings would not be the actual contours of the berms - this was transmitted to the Navy. Exhibit J.

H. Department of the Interior, National Capital Parks

Seabees Memorial, Revised Site Studies. The Secretary told

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the Commission that there were new site studies being brought in by the Park Service in response to the Commission's request for additional location studies. The Chairman told of a conversation he had had with Mr. Russell Dickenson of the Park Service centering on a location on Memorial Drive outside Arlington Cemetery. Further discussion was held until a meeting with project representatives later.

III. INTERVIEWS

A. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Potomac River Crossing of Metro. The project was represented by Robert H. Lee of WMATA, Paul Harbeson of Harbeson, Hough, Livingston and Larson - architects, Robert E. Felsburg of Modjeski and Masters - engineers. The Chairman told the project representatives that the Commission was delighted and approved the design with the proviso that efforts be made to coordinate this bridge with the future railroad bridge and the landscaping efforts of the National Park Service. The Commission expressed its position as coordinator of the various jurisdictions visible in this vicinity.

Exhibit K.

B. Smithsonian Institution

Monkey House Remodeling. The project was represented by Mr. Norman C. Melun, the Zoo staff architect, and Mr. Avery Faulkner, the consultant architect. Mr. Faulkner explained to the Commission that restoration of the existing bars was impossible because of plan and access considerations. The Chairman reaffirmed the Commission's delight in the existing curved exterior cages and hope that any new scheme could be similar. Mr. Faulkner agreed with Mr. Roche's suggestion that chamfering the corners with light wire mesh may accommodate all interests. This was not an official submission and no action was taken. The project representatives left with the understanding that further study was desirable.

Exhibit L.

C. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

1. Gulf Oil, 22nd and P Streets, N.W., Retention of Existing Service Station. The Gulf Oil Company was represented by Messers John Poling, E.C. Wilson, T.M. Glynn, and M.P. Harris. Mr. Glynn expressed the Company's spirit of cooperation with the Commission of Fine Arts and the strong community desire to retain the old gas station in a total effort at rehabilitating the old limestone building and relandscaping it in context with the adjacent parks and new office building. The Commission extended its congratulations on a commendable effort suggesting that diverse elements such as vending machines and signs be carefully coordinated as part of the effort, and that trees be planted along the east side. The Gulf Oil representatives agreed to this and left.

Exhibit M.

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2. O.G. 73-120, 3050 K Street, N.W. - Inland Steel, Proposed Office and Commercial Complex. The project promoters were represented by Messers Larson, Moore, and Elbasani. Representatives from the Georgetown Citizens Association were Messers Evans, Belin, and Chapman. The Chairman greeted all and expressed the Commission's pleasure in the diminished and revised scheme, stating that the architectural character of the project was enhanced by the restudy. The Commission also asked for some restudy of the North facade to open it up more; the architect, Mr. Moore, agreed.

D. D.C. Government, Department of General Services

Burrville Elementary School Replacement. The project was represented by Mr. C.R. Pavlick of the D.C. Government and Mr. Frank G. West, Jr., the architect. The Chairman expressed the Commission's general approval of the architectural character of the building, with the reservation that a light well through the center of the building be studied. Mr. Roche and Mr. West had a discussion as to how this might be accomplished and the alternative of putting the play area on the building's roof. The restudy action was transmitted to the D.C. Government. Exhibit N.

E. General Services Administration

Howard University Dental School Addition. The project was represented by Mr. Dwain Warne of GSA and Mr. Randall S. Marshall, the architect. The Chairman expressed the Commission's appreciation for the restudy efforts and suggested that the scheme of window bands be further developed and returned to the Commission for the next meeting. The architect agreed and left. Exhibit O.

F. Department of Interior, National Capital Parks

Seabees Memorial. The project was represented by Cdr. Kelley of the Navy, Mr. Parsons of the Park Service, and Mr. Harrer, the architect. Mr. Harrer briefly presented several alternate site studies and the Chairman expressed the hope that continued study prior to the next Commission meeting would result in examination of the Memorial Drive outside of Arlington Cemetery. At this point the Chairman excused himself from the meeting, turning the chair over to Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith addressed several other questions to Mr. Harrer, concluding the interview with agreement by all that the next meeting of the Commission would hold a discussion of all the schemes presented to date, plus one for Memorial Drive. Messers Roche and Weymouth agreed to visit several of the sites after the meeting, the other members would do so later in the week. Exhibit P.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.


Charles H. Atherton, Secretary

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

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708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 April, 1973

John Nelson, Chief
Permit Branch
District of Columbia Government
Room 103, 614 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Nelson,

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on April 18, 1973, formally voted a request for the District of Columbia Government to modify its building code permitting projecting signs in Georgetown. In making this request we are accomodating an additional type of sign common in the early years of the Capital and often appropriate in the historic district. Permit applications for this type of sign would be reviewed by the present method - each on its own merits.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

Exhibit A.

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

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708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 April, 1973

Henry M. Jackson, Chairman
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman,

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on April 18, 1973, approved S.J. Res. 45, to provide for the erection of a memorial to those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in the Vietnam war.

We have been advised by the Office of Management and Budget that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

Exhibit B.

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708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 April, 1973

Wayne L. Hays, Chairman
Committee on House Administration
Suite H-326, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman,

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on April 18, 1973, approved S.J. Res. 66, to authorize the erection of a monument to the dead of the First Infantry Division, United States Forces in Vietnam.

We have been advised by the Office of Management and Budget that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

Exhibit C.

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

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708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 April, 1973

Wayne L. Hays, Chairman
Committee on House Administration
Suite H-326, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman,

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on April 18, 1973, considered H.R. 610, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a National Law Enforcement Heroes Memorial within the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

While the Commission has no objection to the purposes of this legislation, we request that it be amended to include a section requiring the design and location of the Memorial be subject to the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

We have been advised by the Office of Management and Budget that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

18 April, 1973

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
OG 73-102	3037 O Street, N.W. Dr. Franklin L. Stroud	Installation of coach lamps on both sides of main entrance and smaller coach lamps at basement entrance.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Resubmit with exact information on proposed lamp locations with photographs of house. Question propriety of lamp design on this period house. 4-3-73	
103	2934 M Street, N.W. John Yannicos	Oval wall sign painted on 30th Street facade, dual projecting sign on M Street facade.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Question allowable square feet on this application. No objection to design of hanging sign provided it has a black border. Recommend removal of side wall sign. 4-3-73	
104	1523 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Rose Raynor	One non-illuminated painted sign to mount flat against wall (resubmission OG 73-45).
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Recommend more subtle color scheme. Script lettering will be approved only if it is horizontal. Suggest that width of sign be identical to that of window. No objection to concept. 4-3-73	
105	1616 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Antoine's Haute Coiffure	Install one double-faced painted sign 2'6" by 2'6"; wood panel with wrought iron scroll bracket (resubmission OG 73-90).
ACTION:	Issue permit for "Approved" sign. 4-3-73	
106	1206 30th Street, N.W. Lucy Dickey	Install signs for shop.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Size shown on drawings exceeds 25 square feet. Suggest one sign be removed. Lights not recommended. 4-3-73	
107	1524 31st Street, N.W. J.W. Saxe	Installation of seven through-the-wall air conditioners, one facing the street.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 4-16-73	

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
OG 73-108	3294 M Street, N.W. A.M. Moran	Erection of a new sign.
ACTION: 4-3-73	Issue permit for sign 12'6" above grade, or 18 inches lower than shown on application.	
109	3240 Prospect Street, N.W. PDS Associates	Build masonry wall for side entrance and addition on second floor, new partitions, new plumbing, new electric.
ACTION:	Issue permit. Request approval of new brick samples on site. 4-3-73	
110	3211 M Street, N.W. NST Corporation	Canvas awning over show window and door.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 4-16-73	
111	3312 Dent Place, N.W. Thomas Olmstead	New entrance steps (Resubmission OG 73-83).
ACTION:	Issue permit. 4-16-73	
112	1251 37th Street, N.W.	Replace stoop with wrought iron stoop of same size and repair wood siding. Resubmissions of OG 73-95, 73-96, and 73-97.
113	1253 37th Street, N.W.	
114	1255 37th Street, N.W. Georgetown University	
ACTION:	Issue permit for siding replacement and new stoops only. Do not issue permit for alteration of basement wall. 4-16-73	
115	3207 M Street, N.W. Hector's Metro, Inc.	One wall-mounted sign identifying premises.
ACTION: 4-16-73	Do not issue permit. Character of sign not recommended. Suggest sign be removed.	

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
OG 73-116	1720 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Grant-Holladay	Build over top of existing building two additional stories plus roof.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Show north and south elevations. Recommend more suitable cornice treatment to harmonize with adjacent buildings. 4-16-73	
117	1214 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. William Horn	New sign (resubmission OG 73-76).
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Internally illuminated translucent letters not recommended. Use upper case letters only. Suggest painted wood sign. 4-16-73	
118	3239 M Street, N.W. Tink's, Incorporated	Install one 8' by 4' oval sign reading: Georgetown Beef Company. Total area of sign is 24 square feet.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Size and character of sign not recommended. 4-16-73	
119	1214 28th Street, N.W. Arthur and Patricia Moore	Revision to proposed addition; delete mezzanine level (resubmission OG 73-15).
ACTION:	Issue permit. 4-16-73	

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT

18 April, 1973

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
SL 73-41	4110 Arkansas Avenue, N.W. J. Ford	Enclose front porch with jalousie windows.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 4-10-73	
42	900 Water Street, S.W. Flagship Restaurant	Install three single-faced signs.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 4-10-73	

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708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 April, 1973

W. Dan Rohwer
Architect-Engineer Liason Officer
Department of General Services
Government of the District of Columbia
613 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Rohwer,

This will confirm the Commission's approval, at our meeting on April 18, 1973, of the revised landscape plans for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

The double walkway and modified entranceway, additional landscaping, and, above all, the elimination of the parking right next to the building, are great improvements to the plans.

No further submissions are requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

Exhibit G.

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS APRIL 17, 1910

J. CARTER BROWN, Chairman

NICOLAS AR. DYK, Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission

JANE O. SMITH, Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission

KEVIN ROCHER, Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission

CHARLES M. HARRINGTON, Secretary

703 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20044
202-343-3125

3 May, 1973

W.R. Resta, Chief
Engineering Division
Department of the Army
Baltimore District, Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 1715
Baltimore, Maryland 21203

Dear Mr. Resta,

The Commission of Fine Arts approved preliminary architectural designs for barracks at Fort Myer during its April 16th, 1973, meeting. In doing so we understand that there remains some question as to the most suitable location for the buildings. When these details are worked out between the Army and the National Capital Planning Commission, please keep us posted on exact siting and landscaping details.

In the plans submitted, the relationship of the parking to the building and the public highway requires some restudy. The paved areas are simply too big and crowd the site with no relief.

Our next two meetings will be on the 17th of May and the 20th of July, 1973. After that we will return to our usual schedule of meeting on the third Wednesday of every month.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

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708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 April, 1973

Col. William E. Denison, QMC
Department of the Army
U.S. Army Memorial Affairs Agency
Washington, D.C. 20315

Dear Col. Denison,

The Commission of Fine Arts at its meeting of April 18, 1973 considered plans for restoring the Sheridan and Ord-Weitzel Gates at Arlington Cemetery.

The Commission is glad to see these historic gates are to be restored, especially so since they are to be so close to their original locations.

The report of the architects is very thorough and should be followed, including the recommendations on narrowing rather than widening the roadway at the Ord-Weitzel Gate, even though this may take some realignment of the intersection. The narrower roadway would certainly be more aesthetically pleasing.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

Exhibit I.

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

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706 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 April, 1973

LCdr. A.P. Boothe
Department of the Navy
Chesapeake Division
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Building 57, Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D.C. 20390

Dear Cdr. Boothe,

The Commission of Fine Arts approved modified designs for the Anacostia-Bolling Headquarters Building at its April 18, 1973, meeting. In commending the cooperation of both the Navy and the architect, our only concern is that the land shapes as executed will be more natural than shown on the drawings.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

Exhibit J.

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708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 April, 1973

Maj. Gen. Jackson Graham, Director
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
950 South Building
L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Gen. Graham,

The Commission of Fine Arts approved the WMATA Potomac Bridge design at its April 18, 1973, meeting. We feel that the design is simple and well-detailed, and should have a minimum adverse impact on the 14th Street Bridge-scape, although we would have been happier if engineering considerations had allowed it to run closer to one of the existing bridges, or if the river crossing could have been tunneled.

Since the Commission of Fine Arts is in the role of aesthetic coordinator, I mention our concern over cooperation with the Railroad and the National Park Service. We understand that it would be desirable structurally to replace the present railroad bridge in the near future. Aesthetically this would be beneficial to the National Capital. If such a replacement is undertaken we recommend that a new bridge match WMATA's structure in design, color, materials, and pier spacing. We also go on record suggesting that the closer the Railroad and Metro bridges are to each other, the better.

We commend you on the landscaping plans for your bridge. Though these cross jurisdictional lines, they do not cross sight lines and are all on public property. WMATA coordination with the National Park Service on landscaping the tunnel entrances is in public interest. This we hope will not lose initiative from either agency.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

copies to: Dickenson, NPS
Pennsylvania Railroad

Exhibit K.

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708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 April, 1973

Dr. Theodore H. Read, Director
National Zoological Park
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Dr. Read,

The Commission of Fine Arts met with Mr. Avery Faulkner on April 18th, 1973, to discuss our March disapproval of the Monkey House cage design. The Commission, as you know, prefers the existing cage design because of the curved bars which relate so well to the building as a piece of architectural design. We realize that there are exhibit and planning problems which make retention difficult. As a compromise perhaps the corners of the new cages can be chamfered while using the interchangeable mesh system proposed for other new cages. Since this appears to be agreeable to the architect, Mr. Faulkner, and your staff we will be happy to review the details as they are developed.

Our next meetings will be on Thursday the 17th of May and Wednesday the 25th of July, 1973.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

Exhibit L.

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708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 April, 1973

Mr. D.G. Linn, Vice President
Marketing Department, Eastern Region
Gulf Oil Company - U.S.
Gulf Building
City Avenue & Schuylkill Expressway
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 10101

Dear Mr. Linn,

The Commission was happy to meet with your representatives Wednesday the 18th and view plans for keeping the service station at 22nd and P Streets, N.W. here in Washington.

I think we all felt the building was an architectural plus at this location, and knowing the affection it has generated with many of the customers, your "position as responsible corporate citizens", as you say, probably has everything to gain.

The Commission was also pleased to learn of the efforts that will be made in sprucing up the overall appearance by getting rid of the clutter, getting the vending machines away from the building, and adding new landscaping and lighting. These elements are inevitably the biggest distraction around most service stations when they are allowed to go uncontrolled, and anything you can do along these lines will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

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Lt. Col. Sam D. Starobin, Director
Department of General Services
Government of the District of Columbia
613 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Col. Starobin,

The Commission of Fine Arts considered designs for the Burrville Elementary School replacement at Division Avenue and Hayes Street, N.E. during its April 18, 1973, meeting. Though there is no objection to the architectural character of the building, the Commission is asking for a restudy of the plan to eliminate one potentially unpleasant feature - specifically, the large, overly deep ground floor open-air play area. It would receive very little natural light and be quite unattractive.

In asking for a restudy of the building, the Commission recommends that the architect try a light well down through the center of the building, which would give some natural illumination to the inner part of the covered play area. This light well could be relatively small, but would also offer the opportunity of having protected windows for the classroom areas. Another possible alternative would be placing the play area on the roof.

Our next two meetings will be on the 17th of May and the 25th of July, 1973. After that we will return to our usual schedule of meeting on the third Wednesday of each month.

Sincerely yours,

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J.L. Packard, Director
Design and Construction Division
Public Building Service
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Packard,

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on April 18, 1973, reconsidered plans for the addition to the Howard University Dental School.

Although we doubt the wisdom of almost doubling with a new addition a building already close to obsolescence, we are sympathetic to the pressing space needs of the school.

We believe the architect is now on the right path in articulating the new stories rather than to relate them to the fenestration of the existing structure. How this will be done is still a matter of further study, and the architect indicated he would be happy to consult with us as plans are developed in further detail.

Our next meetings are scheduled for May 17 and July 25, 1973, and we would be glad to review any new plans at that time.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

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Russell Dickenson, Director
National Capital Parks
National Park Service
1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Russell,

The Commission met again on April 18 with Mr. Harrer and Cmdr. Kelley regarding additional site studies for the Seabees Memorial - three new sites on Columbia Island and one in East Potomac Park. However, there was no study of a site on Memorial Drive as we had suggested at our first session.

The Commission would still like to see that possibility considered, though not with that specific design, or a variation of it, but considered solely on its own merits. Then, once a definite location has been chosen, a specific design can be developed that is an outgrowth of the conditions on the site. Such a procedure is the only correct way to design a monument - not the other way around as in present circumstances.

The Commission will be meeting on May 17, 1973, and we will be happy to consider the matter at that time. Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

